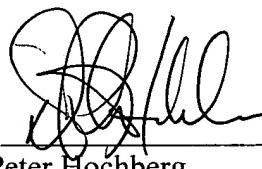


the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claim 17 to delete the word "encompassed".

It is hereby submitted that the claims in their present form meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow the amendment to the claim. If the Examiner has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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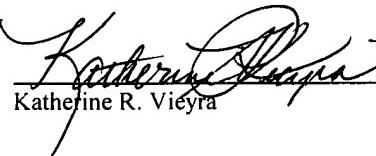
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**ATTACHMENT TO RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

MARKED UP CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES RELATIVE TO THE PRIOR VERSION (See Response to Office Action filed September 21, 2000).

17. (Twice Amended) The packaging system of claim 16 wherein the [encompassed] layer is formed by a moisture absorbent layer.